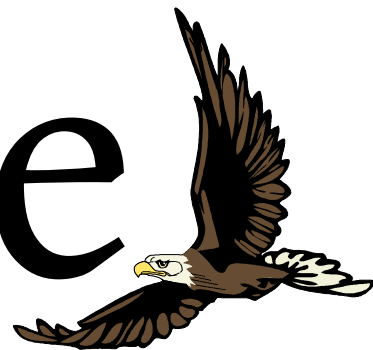


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Sept. 17, 1999

Newsline

A glance at news affecting Laughlin



Pilot awards

The graduation awards for SUPT Class 99-14 were as follows:

2nd Lt. Christopher Davis: Flying Training Award; Distinguished Graduate; Order of Daedalians AETC Commander's Trophy.

2nd Lt. Jeremy Fischman: Academic Training Award.

2nd Lt. Courtney Hamilton: Academic Training Award.

2nd Lt. Jeremy T. Jones: Daedalian Award; Flying Training Award; Distinguished Graduate; Order of Daedalians AETC Commander's Trophy.

Capt. Scott J. Weber: Outstanding Officer.

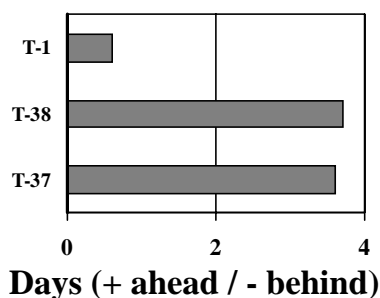
Ceremony

A POW/MIA retreat ceremony is scheduled for 5 p.m. today in front of the wing headquarters building.

47 FTW mission status

(As of Sept. 16)

Student Timeline



Sorties flown in FY 99:
64,520

Hours flown in FY 99:
95,720

Pilot wings earned in FY 99:
324

Pilot wings earned since 1963:
11,349

1999 Combined Federal Campaign begins

Wing goal is \$50,000 and 100 percent federal employee contact for campaign, which runs from Sept. 20 – Oct. 29.

By Capt. Chris DeGuelle

47th Flying Training Wing CFC project officer

The 47th Flying Training Wing begins its six-week Combined Federal Campaign Sept. 20, with goals of \$50,000 and 100 percent employee contact.

The CFC, which began in 1961 under the direction of President John F. Kennedy, raises money for over 2,000 local, state, national and international charities including medical research, children's charities, environmental organizations and disaster relief agencies. Many of these organizations help in the immediate area, such as base agencies and local relief efforts.

Col. Dan R. Goodrich, 47 FTW Commander, expressed his enthusiasm for the CFC during the kickoff luncheon, held September 15 at Club XL, by challenging squadron commanders to strive to reach 100 percent employee contact within the first two weeks of the campaign. Employees have the right to contribute or not contribute and donations are 100 percent voluntary. To give a visual status of how the campaign is progressing, there will be two displays at the main gate. Upon entering the base, the classic thermometer is visible, which tracks the monetary goal. Leaving base, the tote board annotates the major organizations participating and the percentage of employees they have contacted.

The campaign will continue through October 29. The following personnel are this year's keyworkers:

Val Verde county project officer – Capt. Susan Bullett, 47th Communications Squadron;

47 FTW project officer – Capt. Chris DeGuelle, 47th Security Forces Squadron;

47 FTW assistant project officer – 2nd Lt. Ralph Murdock, 47th Support Group;

47 FTW staff – Senior Airman Adam Lewis – 4167;

47th Comptroller Flight – Airman 1st Class Bridgette Chrisman – 5569;

47th Operations Group – 1st Lt. Melissa Cunningham – 5293;

47 OG/Maintenance – Andrew McCullough – 5290;

84th Flying Training Squadron – 1st Lt. Michelle Pryor – 4738;

85 FTS – 1st Lt. Matt Morrison – 5521;

86 FTS – Capt. John Norris – 4243;

87 FTS – 1st Lt. David Pryor – 5112;

96 FTS – Capt. Tina Erzen – 4835;



Photo by Senior Airman Mike Hammond

Col. Dan R. Goodrich, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, signs the ceremonial first check of the 1999 Combined Federal Campaign. 2nd Lt. Ralph Murdock, 47 FTW assistant CFC project officer, looks on.

47th Operations Support Squadron – Senior Master Sgt. David Boseman – 5300;

47th Medical Group – Capt. Carrie Cooper – 6323;

47th Medical Operations Squadron – Tech. Sgt. Mark Riddle – 6334;

47th Medical Support Squadron – Staff Sgt. Bill Ferraro – 6402;

47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron – Staff Sgt. Dana Bice – 6331;

47 SPTG – 2nd Lt. Ralph Murdock – 5304;

47 CS – Tech. Sgt. Robin Poteat – 5358;

47th Contracting Squadron – 2nd Lt. Romanita Vargas – 4352;

47th Mission Support Squadron – Eddie Adams – 5545;

47 SFS – Senior Airman Paul Bogumil – 5599;

47th Civil Engineering Squadron – 2nd Lt. Chris Rust – 5252;

47th Services Division – Senior Master Sgt. David Bratton – 4176.

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orner



CES teams up, keeps base running smoothly

By Lt. Col.
Allen Poerner
47th Civil Engineer
Squadron commander

I want to open this article by saying "Howdy." I have only been a member of the Laughlin team for about two months now and can honestly say that I am thrilled to be a part of such a fine group of people in the 47th Flying Training Wing and especially in the 47th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Needless to say, my time here to date has been filled with learning the particular situations at Laughlin and in identifying the needs of the different organizations. From the leaking roof at the flight simulator building; to the construction delays at the child development center; to responding to house fires; to the brown grass around the base – I am quickly learning where I need to concentrate my squadron's efforts.

But what do you, our customer, expect from us? Do you know what we have to offer you? Over the years, I have found that many people on a base do not really know what a civil engineer squadron does. You obviously know to call us when something breaks, but that is only a portion of what we do.

One of the most important civil engineer functions is the fire department. We have a dedicated group of fully capable firefighters who are ready to respond 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. These folks not only provide the protection to the flightline, responding to approximately 40 in-flight emergencies per month, but also provide the fire response capability for all 917 facilities and 600 housing units on base. Additionally, they respond to grass fires and to mutual aid calls from the Del Rio area. The technical services branch provides fire safety inspections to housing and base facilities. They also go to the schools to teach our youngsters about fire safety. All in all, it's a very busy flight.

The engineering flight also remains busy with a rather small number of professional engineers and architects. These folks use their skills designing and managing the facility and major utility system repairs

needed to keep the base functional in the long term. The programming and design sections work primarily with the larger construction projects, which range in cost from \$50,000 to more than \$9 million. Smaller projects, from \$20,000 to \$100,000, are handled by the flight's Simplified Acquisition of Base Engineer Requirements section. Through SABER, we can significantly reduce the time to get a project completed by having a contractor on-call.

Although not part of the engineering flight, we have a maintenance engineering flight. These professionals provide the necessary oversight to the contractors performing the refuse, grounds, custodial and base operating support contracts, ensuring the government receives the services we're paying for. Additionally, they are responsible for all the long-term plans for the base – such as roofing, pavements and painting.

The environmental flight is truly the most unheralded group of professionals on base. These folks manage the water, wastewater and air quality systems. Their dedicated work ensures that you and our great grandchildren

can continue to live on this ole planet of ours! They ensure the base remains in compliance with all environmental regulations and permits.

They also manage your base recycling program. This program saves the Air Force hundreds of thousands of dollars each year in disposal fees and significantly lessens the amount of waste we send to the local landfill. Although these folks manage the program, it is you, the base populace, who have made the recycling program on Laughlin a success. For the first time ever, the base made money from the sale of recycled products. Way to go, Team Laughlin... and keep it up!

The resources flight is another forgotten hero group. These fine folks acquire the funds for all the work we do. They manage the computer systems that keep track of approximately 2,000 work orders you have submitted. They also maintain the records for all the facilities and land the base owns and occupies. If you need addi-

tional space to carry out your job, these are the folks to go see!

The housing flight touches every military person on the base. Whether it's getting you moved into a housing unit on base or referring you to adequate housing off base, these are the people to see. A relatively new function of the flight is to manage the dormitories and unaccompanied officer and enlisted quarters, and all the furnishings that go in those rooms.

Another important flight to the base is the readiness flight. These people are responsible for ensuring the base population is ready for emergency situations – whether it's a flood, a downed aircraft or a response to a terrorist action. You can also say part of their job is "really a gas." These are the folks who run all the military members through gas mask training – including the infamous tear gas house.

Brings tears to my eyes just thinking about these folks!

The largest flight in CE is what has historically been referred to as "the shops," alias the operations flight. At Laughlin, like most Air Education and Training Command

bases, the operations flight is contracted out through the base operating support contract to EAST, Inc. However we call them or whoever mans the shops, these fully capable craftspeople are the ones who do the daily fixes around the base. They not only unstop commodes, they also fix and paint walls, maintain the air conditioning systems and, most recently, maintain the base storm drain system – significantly reducing the potential for storm water damage such as you experienced last year. They also maintain all the utility systems on base, including the housing area. Staying busy would be an understatement for this flight.

Whew! I hope this short explanation has been somewhat helpful in informing you what CE does for you around the base. Although you may not see it happening, when that CE craftsman comes to your door you are not being helped by one person, but by an army of dedicated professionals who are ready and eager to help.

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Actionline Call 298-5351

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the *Border Eagle*. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.

Col. Dan R. Goodrich

47th Flying Training Wing commander



AAFES	298-3176
Accounting and Finance	298-5204
Civil Engineer	298-5252
Civilian Personnel	298-5299
Commissary	298-5815
Dormitory manager	298-5213
Hospital	298-6311
Housing	298-5904
Inspector General	298-5638
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***“Excellence –
not our goal, but
our standard.”***
– 47 FTW motto

Safety Stats

As of Sept. 14
(Fiscal Year)

	'99	Total '98
On-duty mishaps	5	11
Off-duty mishaps	12	7
Traffic mishaps	2	4
Sports & Rec mishaps	6	3
Fatalities	0	2

TNRCC notifies base residents of water issues

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) sets drinking water standards and has determined that the presence of microbiological contaminants are a health concern at certain levels of exposure. If water is inadequately treated, microbiological contaminants in the water may cause disease. Disease symptoms may include diarrhea, cramps, nausea, jaundice, and any associated headaches and fatigue. These symptoms, however, are not just associated with disease-causing organisms in drinking water, but also may be caused by a number of factors other than your drinking water. The TNRCC has set enforceable requirements for treating drinking water to reduce the risk of these adverse health effects. Treatment, such as filtering and disinfecting the water, removes or destroys microbiological contaminants. Drinking water

which is treated to meet TNRCC requirements is associated with little to none of this risk and should be considered safe. Laughlin Air Force Base did not meet the minimum treatment technique requirements for the month of May, 1999. Specifically, Laughlin AFB did not filter the San Felipe Springs water entering the distribution system, thereby allowing the turbidity of the water to exceed 0.5 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU) (a measure of the cloudiness in the water caused by sediment) in more than 5.0 percent of the measurements made during the month. If you desire additional information regarding the nature and significance of this violation, you may contact Ramon Flores, 298-4297, or Capt. Carl Sepulveda, 298-6806. The Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission requires the issuance of this public notice.

***For explanation of this notice, see the article by
Capt. Carl Sepulveda, 47 ADS, on page 5 of this issue.***

Combat Dining-Out to be held Saturday; rules of engagement set

The first-ever Laughlin Enlisted Combat Dining-Out will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Fiesta Center. Cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m.

The event provides the base's enlisted and retired enlisted members and their spouses an opportunity to enjoy dinner together, and to participate in an entertaining program rich in military tradition and camaraderie. Tickets for the event are \$15 for members in the grade of E-7 and above, and \$10 for E-6 and below.

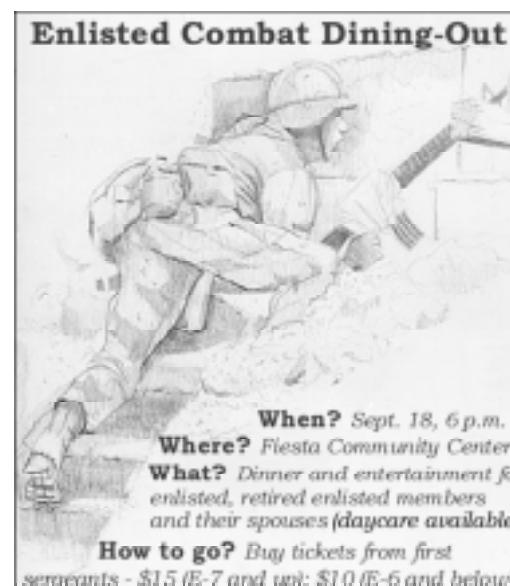
Members in need of childcare during the event should contact their first sergeants to see if they qualify for the "Give Parents a Break" program. If they don't, the Top 3 organization will pay for childcare through the Child Development Center or Youth Center. Attending parents using that option should register at the CDC or Youth Center.

Following are the official rules of engagement for the evening.

1. Thou shalt arrive within 10 minutes of the appointed hour.
2. Thou shalt make every effort to meet all the guests.
3. Thou shalt move to the mess when thee hears the bugle and remain standing until

seated by the president.

4. Thou shalt not bring cocktails into the mess.
5. Thou shalt participate in all toasts unless thyself or thy group is honored with the toast.
6. Thou shalt not leave the mess while convened.
7. Thou shalt ensure that thy glass is always charged when toasting.
8. Thou shalt keep toasts and comments within the limits of good taste and mutual respect. Degrading or insulting remarks



will be frowned upon by the membership. However, good-natured needling is encouraged.

9. Thou shalt not murder the Queen's English.
 10. Thou shalt always use the proper toasting procedures.
 11. Thou shalt not open the hangar doors.
 12. Thou shalt fall into disrepute with thy peers if the line badge (ticket) is not worn.
 13. Thou shalt also be painfully regarded if thy boots are not properly bloused.
 14. Thou shalt consume thy meal in a manner becoming a gentleperson.
 15. Thou shalt not laugh at ridiculously funny comments unless the president first shows approval by laughing.
 16. Thou shalt express thy approval by tapping thy spoon on the table. Clapping of thy hands will not be tolerated.
 17. Thou shalt not question the decisions of the President.
 18. When the mess adjourns, thou shalt rise and wait for the president and guests to leave.
 19. Thou shalt enjoy thyself to the fullest.
- For further questions, call Master Sgt. James Ketchel at 4355, or Staff Sgt. Keith Baber at 5605.

Air Force News Service launches Internet multimedia broadcast

KELLY AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Air Force News Service here launched its Internet multimedia broadcast, the first in the Department of Defense, with the potential to deliver Air Force news to more than 65 million people.

Air Force Link Plus began broadcasting Monday. The channel allows users to watch selected clips of Air Force Television News, listen to Air Force Radio News and read Air Force Print News stories.

Air Force Link Plus is updated Monday

through Friday at 1 p.m. eastern standard time. All radio and print reports are updated daily. One television story is updated each day.

In addition to the news reports, Air Force Link Plus also carries a "Spotlight" feature. The feature, like an interactive fact sheet, spotlights a particular Air Force aircraft or key program. Spotlights currently running on the channel include the F-22, C-17, F-15, F-16 and other aircraft. Each feature lasts about one minute and includes video, animation and facts about the highlighted system.

To watch Air Force Link Plus, users must have a RealPlayer G2, available free from Real Networks. Then, users can add the channel by visiting the Air Force Link Plus Web page at <http://www.af.mil/aflinkplus>.

In addition, the channel can be added from Real Networks RealGuide, available on the company's Web site.

For more information, call the Air Force News Service News Technology Branch at (210) 925-1281 or DSN 945-1281.

(AFPN)

The *XLer*

Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio.

Family: Wife, Pamela; son, William; daughter, Rachel, seven months.

Time at Laughlin: Two years, 10 months.

Time in service: 18 years, 11 months.

Why did you join the Air Force? Family.

Name one way to improve life at

Laughlin: Move it closer to San Antonio.

Greatest accomplishment: Other than becoming a born-again Christian, bringing my daughter home after spending two and a half months in Wilford Hall.

Long-term goals: Make it to Heaven.

Hobbies: Watching sports.

Favorite food: Chicken.

Favorite beverage: Coca Cola.

Bad habit: Drinking too many sodas.

Motto: Treat others the way you like to be treated.

If you could spend one hour with any person in history, who would it be and why?

Jesus Christ, because he paid the price for our sins.



Photo by Zenaphir Bond

Tech. Sgt. Darryl Gates

47th Mission Support Squadron

Chapel Schedule

Catholic

-Daily Mass 12:05 p.m.

-Saturday Mass 5 p.m.

-Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

-Confession 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.

Saturday, or by appointment.

-Choir 6 p.m. Thursdays.

-Sunday school 11 a.m.,
religious education building.

fellowship hall.

-Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.,
religious education building.

-Awana, Wednesdays from 6 -
7:30 p.m.

(For more information on
AWANA, call Mike or Karen
Silver at 298-3247).

Jewish

- Max Stool

219 West Strickland St.

Del Rio, Texas

Phone: 775-4519

Protestant

-General worship 11 a.m.

-Bible study video luncheon
11 a.m. Thursday, chapel

For more information on chapel events and services, call 5111.



Bioenvironmental engineer explains public notice on water treatment compliance

By Capt. Carl Sepulveda
47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron

You may have noticed the public notice on page 3 concerning drinking water standards and wondered why it is running in our base paper. The notice is a requirement by the State to notify you that base water we receive from the City of Del Rio is currently not filtered, thus not meeting the State’s standard for treating groundwater under the direct influence of surface water, under which San Felipe Springs (Del Rio’s water source) is categorized. This is because the city has not yet built the required filtration plant. Additionally, though the plant is not built, the State holds the city to the same turbidity standard as filtered water. So whenever water from San Felipe Springs exceeds the filtered water turbidity limit (0.5 NTU) in enough samples, public notification must be made for that as well. These are the same notices provided by the City of Del Rio that are run in the Del Rio News-Herald.

What is groundwater under the influence of surface water? It is water that comes from an underground source that studies have shown to directly receive surface water, whether it is from a stream, lake or precipitation. In other words, rain, stream or lakewater takes a shorter, more unfettered path to an underground watershed rather than through the many deep layers of soil, rock, and gravel it usually takes. This is determined by tests where the water is filtered and telltale signs of surface water are looked for. Such signs include vegetative matter, algae, diatoms and other microscopic soil organisms and disease-causing surface water organisms (other than bacteria) such as Giardia Lamblia and Cryptosporidium. No filter tests that the TNRCC, city or base has conducted have ever found disease-causing surface water organisms. These types of tests are not practical to use for frequent, constant monitoring of surface water getting into groundwater and the potential to contain such organisms. So federal and state law mandates use of turbidity.

What is turbidity? It is the cloudiness of water. The levels of cloudiness at compliance limits are nearly to completely imperceptible to the naked eye, so sensitive instruments that transmit and measure light through a sample are used. When particles and organisms such as those mentioned above get into our water-

shed, they increase the turbidity measurably. When it increases too much, as it did following the flood, then “boil water” notices are issued to counter the increased probability that surface water pathogens may be present.

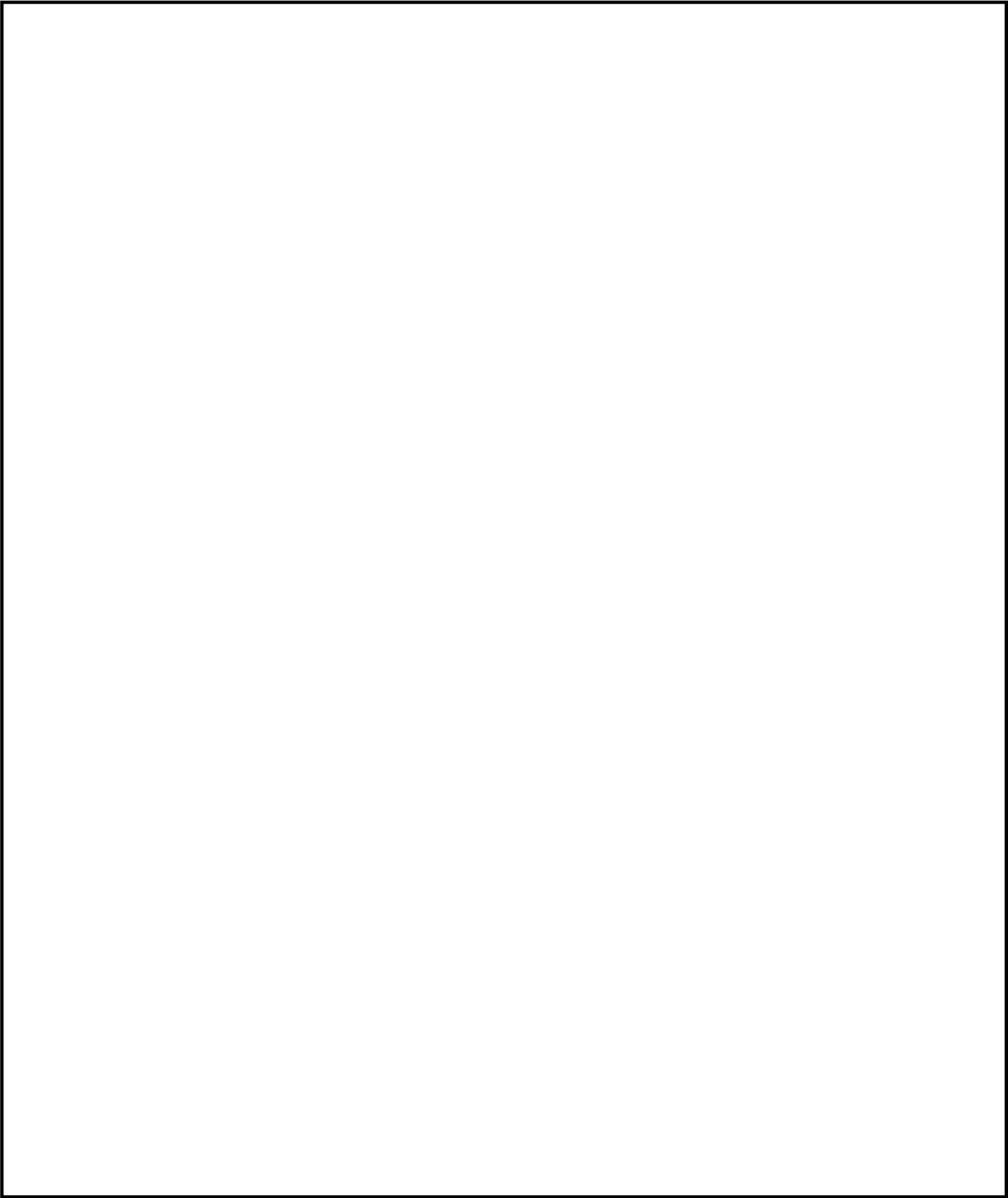
So why filter the water if no filter tests have ever shown disease-causing surface water or-

ganisms? The current EPA-certified tests are not very reliable, having low organism recovery rates of around 30%. Newer, more accurate tests used by the city and base last year, also did not show presence of these organisms. Nevertheless, federal and state officials feel that none of these tests are reliable enough

yet to prove absence of such organisms. So when signs of direct surface water infiltration in a drinking water source appear, an increased potential for presence of these organisms is assumed.

Does this notice mean we are at increased risk of water-borne illnesses? Compared to

See ‘Water,’ page 17



Where are they now?

Name: Capt. Jim Foy.

Class/Date of graduation from Laughlin: Class 94-07, April, 1994.

Aircraft you now fly and base you are stationed at: C-17, Altus Air Force Base, Okla.

Mission of your current aircraft: Airlift/airdrop.

What do you like most about your current aircraft? We do everything! Airdrop, air refueling, low level. We go everywhere – I've been to more than 30 countries.

What one thing do you dislike about your current aircraft? It's hard to stay proficient at tactical events

because of the operations tempo.

What was the most important thing you learned from your time at Laughlin, besides learning how to fly? Work hard during the week, play hard on the weekends.

What is your most memorable experience from Laughlin? House boat party on Lake Amistad with our class over Labor Day weekend.

What piece of advice would you give SUPT students at Laughlin? Choose what you want – not what others tell you you want.



Air Force photo of C-17

Texas Representative Pete Gallegos is scheduled to be the guest speaker at the Hispanic Heritage Committee's luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Club XL.

Combat service may earn members tax exclusions

If you are a member of the U.S. armed forces who serves in a combat zone (defined later), you can exclude certain pay from your income. A combat zone is any area the president of the United States designates by executive order as an area in which the U.S. armed forces are engaging or have engaged in combat. An area usually becomes a combat zone and ceases to be a combat zone on the dates the president designates by executive order.

Persian Gulf area. By Executive Order 12744, the following locations (and airspace) were designated as a combat zone beginning January 17, 1991.

- The Persian Gulf.
- The Red Sea.
- The Gulf of Oman.
- The part of the Arabian Sea that is north of 10 degrees north latitude and west of 68 degrees east longitude.
- The Gulf of Aden.
- The total land areas of Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates.

This publication refers to the above areas as the Persian Gulf area combat zone.

Qualified hazardous duty area. Beginning November 21, 1995, a “qualified hazardous duty area” in the former Yugo

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From the Blotter

(47th Security Forces Squadron)



Sept. 3, 2:01 p.m. – The law enforcement desk received a phone call reporting a domestic disturbance in the housing area. Patrols responded and military member's first sergeant was contacted.

Sept. 3, 2:54 p.m. – A military member reported witnessing a hit and run accident in the housing area. The vehicle was caught and the driver was issued a citation for leaving the scene of an accident.

Notes – Laughlin's hunting season has begun. Base personnel should be aware of the hunting area before traveling on the base perimeter. Hunters should be aware of their surroundings and look for other people in the area prior to taking any shots. Hunters must also

check in with the law enforcement desk prior to going out to any base hunting area.

All personnel working on base are required to register their vehicles within 15 days. Failure to do so can result in disciplinary action, citations, fines and/or loss of installation driving privileges. All vehicles operated on base must have current insurance. The fine for no insurance is \$175.

Drivers entering Laughlin are required to stop at the train tracks if the lights are flashing. If the train can be seen or hear, you must remain at a stop. Texas law mandates that railroad warning signals be obeyed. The train tracks are on base property and security forces members will enforce this law.

47th Medical Group

■ Recently, numerous people have called the wrong number for medical appointments and have consequently waited longer than necessary for the appointment clerk.

If your primary care manager is the Flight Medicine Clinic and you wish to make a routine appointment please call 298-6341. If your primary care manager is Primary Care Clinic please call 298-3578, or if you are out of the area call the appointment desk toll free at 1-800- 987-5514 for a routine appointment.

■ All Laughlin service members traveling to Wilford Hall Medical Center or Brooke Army Medical Center should stop by WHMC or BAMC outpatient records section to fill out information for the new blue outpatient card at each facility. Allow one hour for processing.

Members with medical appointments at civilian facilities should go to the Tricare office as soon as possible after their visit with all paperwork and the results of examinations or procedures to ensure the best quality care.

From ‘Zone,’ page 7

slavia is treated as if it was a combat zone. The qualified hazardous duty area includes:

- Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- Croatia.
- Macedonia.

Members of the armed forces deployed overseas away from their permanent duty station in support of Operation Joint Guard (or Joint Forge), but

outside the former Yugoslavia (including service in ships in the Adriatic or Mediterranean Seas), are treated as if they are in a combat zone solely for the purposes of the extension of deadlines. These personnel are not entitled to other combat zone tax benefits.

For more information, visit this web site: http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/prod/forms_pubs/pubs/p303.htm

Question of the week

What does a combat dining-out mean to you?



“The combat dining-out is an opportunity to enjoy fellowship with our comrades-in-arms, celebrating the unique spirit of service we share.”

Col. Len Jarman
*47th Flying Training Wing
vice commander*



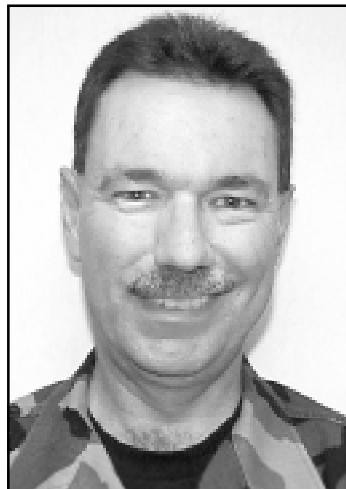
“A special annual event just for the enlisted and their spouses.”

Shari Ketchel
47th Medical Group



“Tradition and fun!”

**Master Sgt.
Sandy Harper**
*47th Mission Support
Squadron*



“A combat dining-out is an official commemoration of our warrior spirit; it’s our way of paying tribute to the military essence of camaraderie and esprit de corps that distinguish us from our civilian counterparts.”

**Chief Master Sgt.
Randy Crist**
*47th Flying Training Wing
command chief master sergeant*

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our same water processed through a filtration plant, yes. Compared to water we haven’t already been receiving, no. The risk may also be comparable to medium to shallow-depth well water that is chlorinated but unfiltered, if the influence of surface water hasn’t been characterized, which is often the case with most such private wells. Federal law does not require filtration of surface-influenced groundwater systems if they meet certain turbidity history, untreated water bacteria levels, and watershed protection program requirements, plus provide adequate disinfection. OR Federal law recognizes that adequate disinfection is an effective treatment for the majority of potential microorganisms that are known to cause waterborne illness, as systems who meet certain criteria can avoid filtration if they disinfect adequately. Adequate disinfection is that which inactivates and/or remove at least 99.9% of Giardia Lamblia cysts and greater than 99.9% of viruses. Chlorinated water received by Laughlin easily meets these disinfecting criteria. Additionally, our water system has and continues to meet state and federal bacteriological standards. However, State laws require filtration on all surface-influenced groundwater systems, regardless of the ability to meet federal filtration-avoidance and disinfection requirements.

So why does the state still require a filtration plant? Part of the reason is to provide an extra barrier to disease causing surface water organisms should chlorination equipment ever fail. The other reason is to eliminate, as much as possible, the potential for the presence of Cryptosporidium cysts, as they are very resistant to most water disinfectants and often require impractical disinfection times. Cryptosporidium is a one-celled microorganism commonly found in all surface bodies of water, such as streams, lakes, and creeks as well as in the intestines and feces of humans and animals. It can cause symptoms ranging from nothing to diarrhea, nausea, and stomach cramps for 2-14 days in a healthy person, but more serious gastrointestinal illness in people with severely depressed or developing immune systems. It is to reduce risk to severely immune-suppressed individuals that federal law will change in 2001 to specifically require treatment targeting Cryptosporidium removal. There are numerous other ways of being exposed to Cryptosporidium including contact with animal or human feces and swallowing water from lakes or streams. It has been implicated in waterborne outbreaks of diarrhea in cities, even though they met treatment standards. A good source of further factual information on Cryptosporidium can be found on the EPA Internet site at <http://www.epa.gov/ogwdw000/crypto.html>.

So why is the base being required to provide this notice and why does it say Laughlin failed to provide the required treatment? The state views the base as a separate water system even though Laughlin pipes in finished potable water from the city, and has always done so. Once the state determined filtration was necessary for water coming from San Felipe Springs, we were dependent on the city to provide filtration OR chose to have the city provide the filtration and fund it through water bill increases, since they needed filtration too.

To summarize, though, we have met bacteriological standards, our current chlorination provides protection against Giardia Lamblia and viruses, and no Cryptosporidium outbreaks have ever been reported here nor Cryptosporidium found in samples we’ve taken. Filtration, when provided, will provide a backup to chlorination and further reduce any potential of Cryptosporidium being present.

Border Eagle ‘braggin rights’ football contest begins

Attention football fans: the Border Eagle staff has officially caught NFL fever! In fact, we like the game so much that we’re starting up a little “braggin rights” contest – pitting us against each other and two members of different organizations to see who knows the game best.

Throughout the first half of the season, the three Border Eagle staff members and the other two football fans will predict the winners of the upcoming week’s games. Each correct pick will earn that person a point. Points will carry over each week - and after the first half of the season, the one with the most points will be declared the first-half winner.

The game doesn’t end there, however. We’re looking for five more ‘armchair quarterbacks’ to start a contest for the second half of the season. The contest will

be the same, with the winner of the first half predicting playoff winners (and, of course, the Super Bowl winner) against the second-half champ.

Again, this is only a “braggin rights” contest – there is no prize at stake, only the satisfaction of knowing all those Sunday afternoons and Monday nights you sat glued to the screen actually taught you something about the game! So watch the sports page each week to see who’s picking who, and if you think you can do it better, call the Border Eagle staff at 5393, or send an e-mail to michael.hammond@laughlin.af.mil.

The results of the staff’s week 2 picks will be published in the Sept. 24 issue of the Border Eagle. Feel free to take a look at next week’s schedule and make some picks of your own. Who knows? You just might be as good at this as we know we are!

Week 2, NFL football

<i>Sunday:</i>	
Arizona at Miami	12 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit	12 p.m.
Indianapolis at New England	12 p.m.
Jacksonville at Carolina	12 p.m.
Oakland at Minnesota	12 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore	12 p.m.
San Diego at Cincinnati	12 p.m.
Seattle at Chicago	12 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia	12 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Giants	12 p.m.
New Orleans at San Francisco	12 p.m.
Cleveland at Tennessee	12 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City	12 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo	12 p.m.
Monday: Atlanta at Dallas	8 p.m.

Commander's roast

The Black Heritage Committee will host a Texas Style Roast for Col. Dan R. Goodrich, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 2 at Club XL.

The dress for the event is casual. Ticket cost is \$10, and tickets may be purchased in advance from members of the Black Heritage Committee or by calling Staff Sgt. Meelondrell Shabazz at 4861.

Everyone is encouraged to come say goodbye to the commander in an environment intended to be fun and relaxing.

For more information, contact Joni Jordan at 5914 or Shabazz.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross will sponsor a blood drive in conjunction with South Texas Blood and Tissue Bank 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday at the Fiesta Center.

People can register to donate by calling the ARC office at 5125. There will also be sign up sheets at various locations on base. There is a critical blood shortage in South Texas-area banks.

All donors will receive a T-shirt.

Stress management class

The life skills clinic will conduct a stress management class from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday until Oct. 9 in the LSC conference room.

If interested, please call 6422.

English class

The Family Support Center and Southwest Texas Junior College will sponsor a free "English as a Second Language" class starting Monday. Classes will be at the Education Center, building 316, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday - Thursday. Class is limited to those who have base access privileges.

For registration or additional information, contact the FSC at 5620.

Charge card training

Initial training for primary and alternate government travel charge card account program coordinators will be Oct. 22 at the education office, in the computer lab. There will be two sessions: 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

For more information, call 5203.

Comptroller flight closure

The 47th Comptroller Flight, finance and budget will close at 3 p.m. today for commanders call.

Emergency assistance will be available by contacting Tech. Sgt. Hosea Butler at 703-1890.

Flowers

Flowers and shrubs for family housing residents will be available Sept. 25 and 27 at the Pride Store.

If you have any questions, contact Nick Garza at 4356.

College overseas

Annually, three Air Force officers are selected through the Olmsted Scholar Program to study at an overseas university for two years.

Those selected study a foreign language and gain in-depth knowledge of the social, political and economic characteristics of a foreign country.

Officers interested in applying should contact the military personnel flight customer service office to obtain a sample application package.

Tuition assistance

Tuition assistance for classes beginning before Oct. 1 must be paid out of fiscal year 1999 funds. All courses beginning after Oct. 1 must be paid out of fiscal year 2000 funds.

For more information, call Bob Carpenter at 5545.

Farewell reception

A farewell reception for the Enlisted Spouse Club and Officer Spouse Club esteemed honorary president, Sherry Goodrich, is scheduled for 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Club XL. Dinner and a "Thrift Shop Fashion and Home Show" will immediately follow the reception. RSVPs are needed by Monday.

E.S.C. members, call Lynette Enyeart at 298-0195. O.S.C. members, call Theresa Reneau at 298-1206 (A-L), and Stacey Lilley at 768-2690 (M-Z).

Seminole Indian observance

The Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery Association will be observing Seminole Day Saturday, to honor the scouts who fought so bravely in the Indian Wars and were instrumental in settling this area while stationed at Fort Clark in Brackettville, Texas.

The day will include a parade and awards, booths, exhibits, barbecue dinner sale and more. Col. Dan R. Goodrich, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, will serve as the keynote speaker for this historical event. "This is the first time in history that a commander has participated in the program honoring the scouts," said Joni M. Jordan, Laughlin Black Heritage Committee member and the great granddaughter of one of the scouts, Joe Remo.

"It is very fitting, because of the military connection, that military should take part in the program and I am very pleased that Col. Goodrich has agreed to take time out of his busy schedule to participate," she said.

Jordan said everyone is invited to attend the event. Dress is casual — shorts, jeans, etc. If you have any questions, call Jordan at 5914.

Registration

Registration for Park College's Fall II term starts Monday until Oct. 8. Come by building 316 or call 5593 for more information, or check www.park.edu for Internet registration dates and information.



Photo by Airman Bradley Pettit

Good parent

Staff Sgt. Gerald McIntosh, 47th Comptroller Flight, picks up trash Sept. 10 along the two-mile section of Highway 90 adopted by the Non-commissioned Officer Association/Professional Military Education Graduates Association as part of the Adopt-a-Highway program. Approximately 16 volunteers from the base collected 20 bags of trash.

Health council meeting

The Health Consumers Advisory Council is a forum for exchanging information between the providers and consumers of health care at Laughlin. Representatives from most base organizations and from the retired population meet with members of the clinic executive committee once a quarter on an informal basis.

The next meeting of the council will be held at 1 p.m. Oct. 1, in the wing conference room in the headquarters building. This council provides the opportunity to express your satisfaction with or concerns about health care at Laughlin. Call Mina Rodriguez at 6311 for additional information, or to indicate attendance.

Promotion board

The calendar year 2000 promotion board for major will convene Jan. 24, 2000 for the following career fields: line of the Air Force, judge advocate general, chaplain, medical service corp, nurse corp, bio medical service corp administrator. The captain board for LAF, MSC, NC and BSC will convene Mar. 27, 2000. The captain board for JAG will convene Mar. 15, 2000.

The schedule will be posted to the Air Reserve Personnel Center home page www.arpc.org.